PETITION FOR TO THE ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALL	MATE TITE TITELLY	95-176-5PH SEW 68	PETITION I	FOR SPECIAL HEARING 65 OF BALTIMORE COUNTY:
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Transition Area is not applicab	le because of the non-conf	orming parking use	Property is to be posted and a	dvertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.
Property is to be posted and advertised. I. or we, agree to pay expenses of the aboving of this Petition, and further agree to and tions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to	ve Special Hearing advertising, posting	, etc., upon fil-	ing of this Petition, and further agree	the above Special Hearing advertising, posting, etc., upo to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and resuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.
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Attorney for Petitioner: John B Howard, Esquire (Type or Paint Name)	Address	Phone No.	John B. Howard, Esquir (Type or Print Name) Signature	Address Phone N
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Attorney's Telephone No.: 823-4111	Towson, Maryland 2120, Address	4823-4111	م الله من ع	Address Phone N nissioner of Baltimore County, this9th
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BALTIMORE COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING

County Office Building 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204

Your petition has been received and accepted for filing this sthemal day of October 19 14

John B. Howard, Esq.

Petitioner's

Attorney

Zoning Commissioner

Chairman, Zoning Plans

Advisory Committee

Towson Presbyterian Churchved by Micholas B. Commodari

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING : BEFORE THE ZONING COMMISSIONER ffirm, 34 perty/2510-13 above-captioned matter. Notices of hearing dates or other proceedings in this matter should be sent as well as of the passage of any preliminary CE or final Order. Board of Trustees x 5517 of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to John B. Howard, Esquire,

NW Corner Chesapeake & Central

TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,

Petitioner

Atma. & SW Corner Pennsylvania: & Central Aves., 9th District

210 Allegheny Ave., P. O. Box 5517, Towson, MD 21204, Attorney for Petitioner. Seter Max Zumenn Peter Max Zimmerman

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 14th day of December, 1984, a copy

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Phyllis Cole Fredman

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

Phyllis Cole Friedman

Peter Max Zimmerman

Towson, MD 21204

Deputy People's Counsel Rm. 223, Court House

: Case No. 85-176-SPH

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ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the

November 16, 1984

Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

> Re: Item #93 (1984-1985) Property Owner: Towson Presbyterian Church N/W cor. Chesapeake Ave. & Central Ave. Acres: 1.52 District: 9th

Dear Mr. Jablon:

The following comments are furnished in regard to the plat submitted to this office for review by the Zoning Advisory Committee in connection with the subject

Since there are no public facilities involved, this office has no

Very truly yours, JAMES A. MARKLE, P.E., Chief Bureau of Public Services

JAM: EAM: PMO:ss

County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House (Hearing Room #218) Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

March 1, 1985

NO POSTPONEMENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHOUT GOOD AND SUFFICIENT REASONS. REQUESTS FOR POSTPONEMENTS MUST BE IN WRITING AND IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD RULE 2(b). ABSOLUTELY NO POSTPONE-MENTS WILL BE GRANTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF SCHEDULED HEAR-ING DATE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 2(c), COUNTY COUNCIL BILL \$59-79

CASE NO. 85-176-SPH

TOWSON PRESBY FERIAN CHURCH NW/cor. Chesapeake & Central Aves.

and SW/cor. Pennsylvania & Central Aves.

9th District

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1985, at 10 a.m.

SPH-Off-street parking in a residential zone 1/28/85 - Z.C.'s Order - GRANTED w/restrictions

ASSIGNED FOR:

cc: John B. Howard, Esq. Counsel for Petitioner

Counsel for Protestant Harry Shapiro, Esq.

Katherine Turner

Mary Ginn

Phyllis C. Friedman People's Counsel

N. E. Gerber J. Hoswell

Arnold Jablon

J. Jung

J. Dyer

Malcolm Spicer, Jr., Esq. Office of Law

Thomas J. Bollinger, Esq.

June Holmen, Secy.



Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

Item \$43 Property Owner: Towson Presbyterien Church Location: nw/cor. Chesapaalle Aus. - Contral Aus.

The Division of Current Planning and Development has reviewed the subject

)There are no site planning factors requiring comment.
)A County Review Group Meeting is required.
)A County Review Group meeting was held and the minutes will be forward by the Bureau of Public Services.
)This site is part of a larger tract; therfore it is defined as a subdivision. The plan must show the entire tract.
)A record plat will be required and must be recorded prior to issuance of a building permit.
)The access is not satisfactory. The circulation on this site is not satisfactory.

The parking arrangement is not satisfactory.)Parking calculations must be shown on the plan. This property contains soils which are defined as wetlands, and development on these soils is prohibited.
)Construction in or alteration of the floodplain is prohibited under the provisions of Section 22-98 of the Development

Development of this site may constitute a potential conflict with the Baltimore County Master Plan.

The amended Development Plan was approved by the Planning Board

)Landscaping should be provided on this site and shown on the plan.
)The property is located in a deficient service area as defined by
Bill 178-79. No building permit may be issued until a Reserve
Capacity Use Certificate has been issued. The deficient service

The property is located in a traffic area controlled by a "D" level intersection as defined by Bill 178-79, and as conditions change traffic capacity may become more limited. The Basic Services Areas are re-evaluated annually by the County Council. (X)Additional comments:

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BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

HARRY J. PISTEL, P. E. DIRECTOR

RE: Item No. 93 - Case No. 85-176-SPH Towson Presbyterian Church Special Hearing Petition

December 21, 1984

Bureau of Dear Mr. Howard: Engineering Department of

COUNTY OFFICE BLDG.

Nicholas B. Commodari

State Roads Commission

Chairman

MEMBERS

Eureau of Fire Prevention

Health Department

Project Planning

Building Department

Board of Education

Industrial Development

Zoning Administration

Towson, Maryland 21204

The Zoning Plans Advisory Committee has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition. The following comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the development plans that may have a bearing on this case. The Director of Planning may file a written report with the Zoning Commissioner with recommendations as to the suitability of the requested zoning.

BALTIMORE COUNTY ZONING PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John B. Howard, Esquire

Towson, Maryland 21204

210 Allegheny Avenue

P.O. Box 5517

Enclosed are all comments submitted from the members of the Committee at this time that offer or request information on your petition. If similar comments from the remaining members are received, I will forward them to you. Otherwise, any comment that is not informative will be placed in the hearing file. This petition was accepted for filing on the date of the enclosed filing certificate and a hearing scheduled accordingly. hearing scheduled accordingly.

Very truly yours, Dichelan B. Cammadan,

NICHOLAS B. COMMODARI Chairman Zoning Plans Advisory Committee

NBC:bsc

Enclosures cc: Cerhold, Cross & Etzel 412 Delaware Avenue Towson, Md. 21204

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the Petition and it Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing on the Petition and it appearing that by reason of the following finding of facts that: appearing that by reason of the following finding of : is that: BALTIMORE COUNTY
DEFARTMENT OF PERMITS & LICENSES BALTIMORE COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204-2586 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 October 24, 1984 PAUL H. REINCKE October 26, 1984 Mr. Arnold Jablon Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning Baltimore County Office Building Towson, MD 21204 Towson Presbyterian Church Location: NW/Cor. Chesapeake Avenue and Central Avenue Existing Zoning: D.R. 5.5 Proposed Zoning: Special hearing to approve a special permit for business Attention: Nick Commodari, Chairman Zoning Plans Advisory Committee parking in a residential zone. RE: Property Owner: Towson Presbyterian Church Location: NW/Cor. Chesapeake Ave. and Central Ave. All structures shall conform to the Baltimore County Building Code 1981/Council Bill 4-82 State of Maryland Code for the Handicapped and Aged; and other appli-Zoning Agenda: Meeting of 10/9/84 Item No.: 93 miscellaneous required before beginning construction Pursuant to your request, the referenced property has been surveyed by this C. Residential: Three sets of construction drawings are required to file a permit Bureau and the comments below marked with an "X" are applicable and required application. Architect/Engineer seal is/is not required. Non-reproduced seals and signatures are required on Plans and Technical Data. to be corrected or incorporated into the final plans for the property. D. Commercial: Three sets of construction drawings with a Maryland Registered () 1. Fire hydrants for the referenced property are required and shall be located at intervals or _____ feet along an approved road in accordance with Baltimore County Standards as published by the E. An exterior wall erected within 6'0 for Commercial uses or 3'0 for One & Two Family use group of an adjacent lot line shall be of one hour fire resistive Department of Public Works. construction, no openings permitted within 3'0 of lot lines. A firewall is required if construction is on the lot line, see Table 401, line 2, Section 1407 and Table 1402, also Section 503.2. () 2. A second means of vehicle access is required for the site. F. Requested variance appears to conflict with the Baltimore County Building Code () 3. The vehicle dead end condition shown at EXCEEDS the maximum allowed by the Fire Department. G. A change of occupancy shall be applied for, along with an alteration permit application, and three required sets of drawings indicating how the structure will meet the Code requirements for the proposed change. Drawings may require () 4. The site shall be made to comply with all applicable parts of the Fire Prevention Code prior to occupancy or beginning of operation. H. Before this office can comment on the above structure, please have the owner, () 5. The buildings and structures existing or proposed on the site shall thru the services of a Registered in Maryland Architect or Engineer certify to this office, that, the structure for which a proposed change in use is proposed can comply with the height/area requirements of Table 505 and the required construction classification of Table 401. comply with all applicable requirements of the National Fire Protection Association Standard No. 101 "Life Safety Code", 1976 Edition prior Comments - Handicapped parking shall be located so the handicapped are not compelled to pass behind parked vehicles, to reach the sidewalk or structure. () 6. Site plans are approved, as drawn. Provide curb cuts, walks as may be necessary or relocate spaces to a more advantageous location. REVIEWER: (1) TO Special Inspection Division

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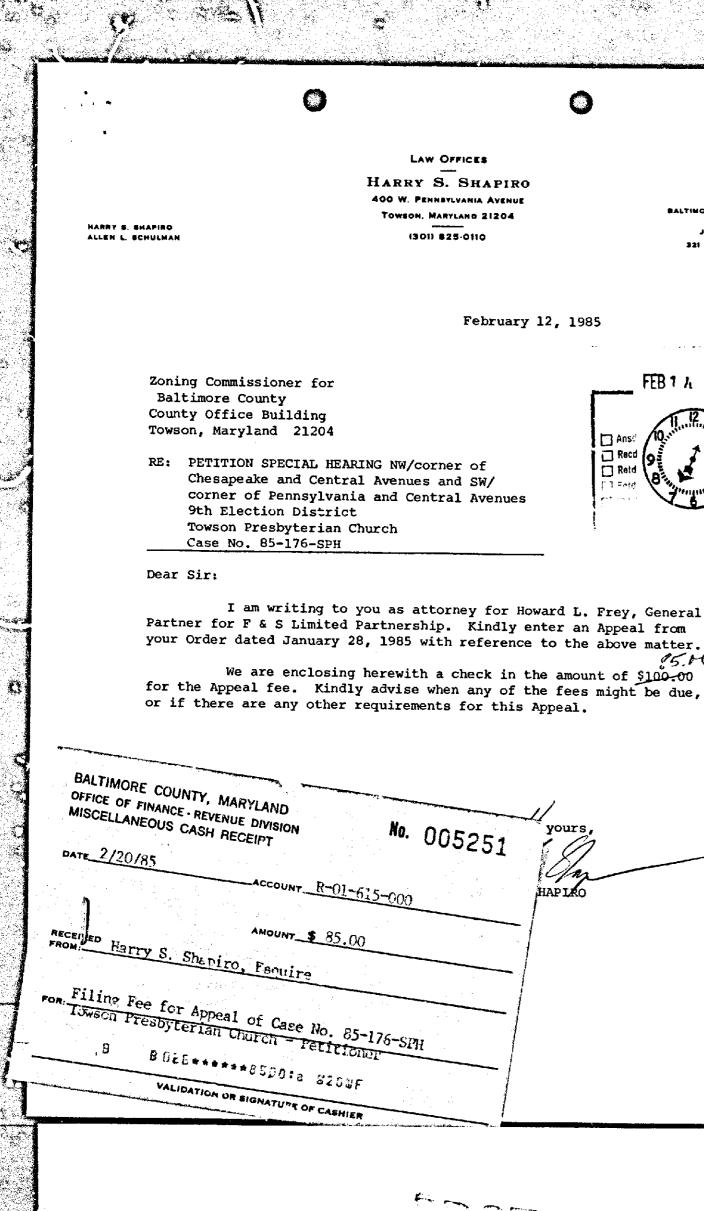
Fire Prevention Bureau

Special Inspection Division (x) 7. The Fire Prevention Bureau has no comments, at this time. NOTE: These comments reflect only on the information provided by the drawings submitted to the office of Planning and Zoning and are not intended to be construed as the full extent of any permit. If desir 4, additional information may be obtained by visiting Room 122 (Plans Review) at 111 W. Chesapeake Ave., BEFORE THE IN RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND NW/cor. Chesapeake and Central Aves. and SW/cor. Pennsylvania * and Central Avenues - 9th BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204
494-3353 BOARD OF APPEALS Baltimore County, Maryland INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE Election District PEOPLE'S COUNSEL RM. 223, COURT HOUSE Arnold Jablon, Towson Presbyterian Church BALTIMORE COUNTY TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 Date January 8, 1985 TO Zoning Commissioner ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER 494-2188 Case No. 85-176-SPH Norman E. Gerber, Director FROM Office of Planning and Zoning * * * * PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN PHYLLIS COLE FRIEDMAN February 20, 1985 Deputy People's Counsel People's Counsel Entry of Appearance March 29, 1985 SUBJECT Zoning Petition No. 85-176-SpH Please enter our appearance on behalf of the Zoning Commissioner of John B. Howard, Esquire The Honorable 210 Allegheny Avenue Baltimore County as a party in the above captioned matter, pursuant to Section William T. Hackett, Chairman P.O. Box 5517 County Board of Appeals In the event the parking use is determined to be non-conforming, this Towson, Maryland 21204 501.6, B.C.Z.R., and I hereby request that any and all notices be forwarded to Room 200, Court House office has no comment. If it is not, then this office does have questions Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: NW/cor. Chesapeake and Central our office, including but not limited to hearing dates and/or preliminary or as to its conformance with the Residential Transition Area regulations, lands Aves. and SW/cor. Pennsylvania Dear Chairman Hackett: and Central Aves. -9th Election scaping, etc. Finally, the applicant should indicate for whom the parking is final Orders. District It has come to our attention that the Zoning Commissioner has entered Towson Presbyterian Church to be provided. his appearance in the following cases: Malcoln F. Spicer, Jr.
Baltimore County Attorney Case No. 85-176-SPH Christian B. Anderson, et wx - #85-170-SPH (Itrai 116 Dear Mr. Howard: Elizabeth R. Baird, et al - 85-45-XSPH (Item 346) Please be advised that an appeal has been filed by counsel for the Protestant, Harry S. Shapiro, Esquire, from the decision rendered by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County in the above referenced - 85-183-A (Item 132) Vincent Bertuca, et ux Old Court House - 85-187-A (Item 131) Chesapeake Fed. S & L Towson, Maryland 21204 - 84-311-A (Item 249) Mary M. Clark 494-4420 Eastern Yacht Club, Inc. Douglas T. Sachse You will be notified of the date and time of the appeal hearing when it is scheduled by the County Board of Appeals. Haussner Family Ltd. Ptnr. Johnson, Robert W., III - 85-185-X (Item 124) - 85-208-XSPH (Item 154) NEG: JGH: bjs Assistant County Attorney McManus-Torillo Assoc., Inc. - 85-189-X (Item 127) Sincerely, - 85-186-XA (Item 115) Joseph H. Rosendale, et ux - 85-157-XA (Item 102) Certificate of Mailing Louis E. Tarasca, et ux - 85-232-X (Item 146) 1 Dowson Presbyterian Church - 85-176-SPH (Item 93) IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED that on this 20th day of February Zoning Commissioner As a result of the decision in Carol Dohme, et al - 485-106-SPH (Item 3) 198 5, copies of the foregoing Entry of Appearance were mailed, postage prepaid, it is clear that the Zoning Commissioner has no standing and his appearance AJ:eoh should be struk. Please consider this letter as a Motion to Strike the by first class delivery to People's Counsel for Baltimore County, Petitioner(s), Zoning Commissioner's Appearance in each of the above cases. We are enclosing cc: Phyllis C. Friedman, Esquire a copy of this letter/Motion for each file. People's Counsel and or Protestant(s) in the above captioned matter. Very truly yours, Ms. Katherine Turner Druglas T. Sockee 618 W. Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204 Peter Max Zimmerman
Deputy People's Counsel Douglas/1. Sachse Assistant County Attorney Ms. Mary Ginn 606 Horncrest Road Towson, Maryland 21204 cc: Norman E. Gerber Arnold Jablon, Esquire Malcolm F. Spicer, Jr., Esquire Douglas T. Sachse, Esquire

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your Order dated January 28, 1985 with reference to the above matter. We are enclosing herewith a check in the amount of \$100.00 for the Appeal fee. Kindly advise when any of the fees might be due, or if there are any other requirements for this Appeal. Mo. 005251 Towson Presbyterian Church Petitioner B GEE******8500:a 8200F January 16, 1985 FROM: West Towson Neighborhood Association The Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County IN RE: Case No. 85-176-SPH Item No. 93

LAW OFFICES

TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

1301) 825-0110

February 12, 1985

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND OFFICE

JULES BUILDING

321 W. BALTIMORE ST.

TO: the Hon. Arnold Jablon, Zoning Commissioner, Baltimore County From: K.C. Turner, 618 W. Chesapeake Ave., Towson, MD re: case #85-176-SPH, item #93

The hearing before you today is for a special permit, under sec. 409-4 of the Balto. County Zoning Regs., for business parking by tenants of 305 W. Chesapeake Ave. in a residential zone, the grounds of the Towson Presbyterian Church. It is said in the petition, that the RTA-residential transition area- should not apply to the 1.52 acres in question because it is a non conforming parking use.

The use of the word "a" in the phrase "a residential zone" is important, FOR this should not set a precedent of operation in Baltimore County.

LAW OFFICES

HARRY S. SHAPIRO

400 W. PENNEYLVANIA AVENUE

TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204

March 8, 1985

I have received a Notice of a hearing in the above matter

As I am scheduled to be out of the State at that time, I

would appreciate your re-scheduling this matter for sometime in June

Thanking you for your kind cooperation, I remain

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Baltimore County Board of Appeals

for 10:00 a.m. on May 16, 1985.

cc: John B. Howard, Esquire

RE: PETITION OF TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Old Court House

Dear Sir:

Towson, Maryland 21204

The development of 305 W.Chesapeake Ave. as an office building came in the early days of expanded office need in Towson and without the detailed planning that has since evolved. The large office building at 305 W.Chesapeake Ave. is out of place in out residential neighborhoods of West Towson and Southland Hills. As a 30 year resident of the area and as a president of Southland Hills Improvement Association, I have worked to contain offices in the central core area of Towson and to provide the amenties for pleasant living in our residential

The Zoning Commissioner, on april 14,1964, approved the building of a parking lot in a residential area at 305 W.Chesapeake Ave., subject to strict compliance with, and requirements for, parking of 172 cars, as outlined by the Acting Director of Planning and Zoning. MY! in those days, that seemed like plenty of parking space for 305. This formula for business offices is still used today, I understand. It does not include doctors or dentists, whose office requirements would mean more parking spaces per square feet. Unfortunately, doctors and dentists have sometime had offices at 305.

Are there 172 parking spaces at 305 W. Chesapeake Ave. today?

The problem of over-flow parking of an office building in a residential neighborhood, particularly in Towson, is well known to the Zoning Commissioner. While parking some of those cars at the church lot seems to be one solution, other solutions should be sought, in order that the proliforation of cars for tenants and visitors to 305 does not continue to invade our residential neighborhoods. If there was to be a "cap" put to the number of cars allowed to park on the church lot, would the management of 305 encourage car pooling? Maybe, only car pools should be allowed to park on the church lot.

Recently, the County built a new parking garage at Balto. & Susquehanna Aves., only 2 tenths of a mile from 305. The Revenue Authority office told me on 1/15/85 that there is still space available for monthly parkers, as well as for daily parkers. That distance is less than the 3 tenths of a mile it is to the Masonic Home on W. Chesapeake Ave., where some of 305's tenants also park.

While I hope the Zoning Commissioner will grant this special permit, I hope that he will restrict its use to the current number of spaces in use, AND that the spaces will be available only for car pools. Thank you.



BALTIMORE, MARYLAND OFFICE

ATLANTIC AMERICAN BUILDING

324 W. SALTIMORE STREET

LAW OFFICES HARRY S. SHAPIRO 400 W. PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 13011 825-0110

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND OFFICE JULES SUILDING 💒 321 W. BALTIMORE ST

Arnold Jablon, Esquire Zoning Commissioner County Office Building Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: CHESAPEAKE BUILDING - TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PARKING LOT Dear Mr. Jablon:

I am writing to you as one of the Owners of 307 W. Chesapeake

Although Barbara Bachur has beretofore resisted any office, or commercial use, to the West of the center line of Central Avenue, it is my understanding that she has become interested in the Church Parking Lot which is used regularly by tenants of the Chesapeake Building.

It has been brought to my attention that there is a Zoning case presently before you relating to this Parking Lot, and I would appreciate your advice on the time and date of any hearing in this matter as I believe that there are important facts to be presented with reference to this case.

Looking forward to hearing from you in this regard, I remain.

Very truly yours

cc: Ms. Barbara Bachur

Mr. Melvin Cole Faring Notice Acit 12/01/84 -81



County Board of Appeals of Baltimore County Room 200 Court House Towson, Maryland 21204 (301) 494-3180

July 16, 1985

Harry S. Shapiro, Esquire 400 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

> Re: Case No. 85-176-SPH Towson Presbyterian Church

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the Opinion and Order passed today by the County Board of Appeals in the above entitled case.

Very truly yours,

Enclosure

cc: John B. Howard, Esquire Katherin Turner Mary Ginn Norman E. Gerber James G. Hoswell Arnold Jablon Jean M. H. Jung James E. Dyer



West Towson Neighborhocd Association. Inc

West Towson Neighborhood Association's Position on Case #85-175-SPH

The West Towson Neighborhood Association supports the owson Presbyterian Church's petition for a use permit for business parking on their existing parking lot.

The Church is a special type of neighbor - a nonprofit organization that serves many people in our neighborhood and contributes its facilities for public benefit. Examples of the latter are the Chirch's space being used as a polling place and for civic associations! Halloween parties. Allowing the Church to use its parking facilities to generate income strengthens an institution that contributes a lot to our neighborhood.

Further, this proposal will not create new traffic within our neighborhood. Granting the requested use permit will only legitimize a practice that has gone on for years and has not proven to be a nuisance. This will not create any change in the neighborhood. An important consideration to the WTNA is that this proposal will make use of existing facilities and is not a request for any new construction or expansion.

Our final reason to support the proposal is that every parking space at the Church that is used is probably one car not parked in front of a resident's home during business hours. Without a new business being created, a need is being fulfilled and the parking problem relieved.

Submitted by,

William R. Richardson, Jr. President, West Towson Neighborhood Assn.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FOR A SPECIAL HEARING FOR OFF-STREET PARKING IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE NW CORNER CHESAPEAKE AND CENTRAL AVENUES 9th DISTRICT

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

NO. 85-176-SPH

BALTIMORE COUNTY

OPINION

This case comes before this Board on appeal from a decision of the Zoning Commissioner granting the requested use permit for parking in a residential zone, with restrictions. The subject property is located on the northwest corner of Chesapeake and Central Avenues, in the Ninth Election District of Baltimore County.

The Petitioner presented four witnesses:

Harry Jackson of 28 Allegheny Avenue, who is part owner of the large office building at 305 W. Chesapeake Avenue, which is across the street from the church

Donald Nesbitt, 28 W. Allegheny Avenue, a partner 'n Alex Brown and Sons and a member of the Towson Presbyterian Church and its Board of Trustees.

Dr. George Toole, 935 Beaver Bank Circle, who has been Senior Preacher at the Towson Presbyterian Church for ten years, and

John W. (Wes) Guckert, a traffic engineer.

Protestants had only one witness:

Howard Frye, 307 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, a partner in F & S Limited Partnership whose property is located directly across the street from the parking lot.

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If it were not a parking lot of the Church, the West Towson Neighborhood Association would be strictly opposed to this further legalized commercial encroachment into this neighborhood. However, because the Church is involved, we are not going to oppose this request. The West Towson Neighborhood Association does, however, ask that any decision in favor of this request NOT be used as a precedent of legalized commercial parking in regard to future requests for zoning changes; and that this decision, if favorable, clearly state that this is NOT

a change in the neighborhood.

Respectfully yours, Joy Biddison Joy Biddison

Vice President, West Towson Neighborhood Association

TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - #85-176-SPH Testimony from Petitioner's witnesses indicated that in 1967 a large office building was erected at 305 W Chesapeake Avenue. At this time the church requested permission to use the office building's parking lot on Sundays only to alleviate their need for extra parking on that day. In return the employees of the office building would be allowed to use some of the church's parking area on weekdays. At that time parking in excess of fifty spaces on the church lot was normally used. Today the church has reserved only thirtytwo spaces for this office use. Only passenger cars may park there, no commercial vehicles are allowed. The parking lot is lighted and paved. For this use the owners of the office building donate to the church \$30.00 per month per space, which is something slightly in excess of \$900.00 per month.

Mr. Guckert, the traffic engineer, made a study of this site and his study found that the operation of the parking lot created no traffic problems ever during the peak hours. It was his contention that if the parking on this lot was denied that greater problems would result from the necessity of increasing on-street parking.

As stated above, Protestants had only Mr. Frye as a witness. He testified that there was some congestion created between the hours of 8 and 9 a.m. and 3 and 4 p.m. from cars entering and leaving the church parking lot. It was his contention that if commercial use was to be allowed on this property, all adjacent properties should be granted commercial use. Protestants also

TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - #85-176-SPH

claimed that if this use permit was granted to allow parking in a residential zone, that this commercial use would, in fact, constitute a change in the neighborhood.

The Board is of the opinion that since this parking lot has been used by office employees since at least 1967, no actual change in the neighborhood has occurred. Had the church elected merely to continue the existing nonconforming use rather than apply for a use permit, physical activities on the lot would have remained unchanged.

The Board is empowered to grant a use permit for business or industrial parking in a residential zone if compliance with all the requirements of \$409.4.a through \$409.4.h have been met. The Board is satisfied, from the testimony and evidence received, that all of these requirements have been satisfied. There was no evidence that the granting of this parking use, which has existed since at least 1967, would be detrimental to the current uses now in the vicinity.

For the reasons set forth in the aforegoing Opinion, it is this 16th day of July, 1985, by the County Board of Appeals ORDERED that the use permit for off-street parking in a residential zone be approved and, therefore, the special hearing petitioned for, be and the same is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restrictions:

TOWSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - #85-176-SPH

through B-13 of the Maryland Rules of Procedure.

- 1. A maximum of thirty-two (32) parking spaces shall be made available to 305 West Chesapeake Avenue, Monday through Friday only.
- 2. No other financial arrangement shall be entered into with any other commercial, business or industrial use for parking.
- 3. The existing signs discouraging illegal parking shall be maintained.

Any appeal from this decision must be in accordance with Rules B-1

COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Petitioner

IN RE: PETITION SPECIAL HEARING

District

NW/corner of Chesapeake and

of Pennyslvania and Central Avenues - 9th Election

Towson Presbyterian Church,

Central Avenues and SW/corner

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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BEFORE THE

ZONING CCMMISSIONER

OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

Case No. 85-176-SPH

The Petitioner herein requests a use permit for off-street parking in a residential zone and, additionally, has amended the petition to request a determination from the Zoning Commissioner as to whether the residential transition area (RTA) requirements are applicable, as more particularly described on Petitioner's Exhibit 1.

The Petitioner, by Dr. George Gray Toole, the Senior Minister, appeared and testified and was represented by Counsel. Carey W. Jackson, part-owner of the office building located at 305 West Chesapeake Avenue, and Carl Gerhold, a registered land surveyor, testified on behalf of the Petitioner. Howard Frye, part-owner of the residential building located at 307 West Chesapeake Avenue. appeared as a Protestant and was represented by Counsel. Mary Ginn and Katherine Turner, residents of the area and members of local community association appeared in support of the proposed use, provided certain conditions were

testimony indicated that the subject property, zoned D.R.5.5, is located across the street from 305 West Chesapeake Avenue, which was previously granted a special exception for an office building. According to Mr. Jackson, there has been a verbal agreement between the Church and the office building since about 1968 to allow a certain number of automobiles owned by employees of the office

bading to park on the Church's parking lot. Reverend Galloway, the then

pastor, approached Mr. Jackson at that time and requested to use the office building's parking lot on Sundays for overflow parking and, in return, agreed to allow the office building to use their lot. Mr. Jackson offered a financial contribution which the Church accepted. This arrangement has continued without interruption since that time. In the beginning, the Church reserved approximately 50 spaces but has reduced that number in recent years to the present 32 spaces. The office building presently gives approximately \$900 per month to the Church for the use of these spaces and, in turn, passes this cost onto those employees actually using the spaces at approximately \$30 per month. In addition, the office building management assigns these spaces and regulates their

This arrangement has never been legalized by way of a use permit for offstreet parking in a residential zone, but both Mr. Jackson and Dr. Toole, who is Reverend Galloway's successor, testified that they met with S. Eric DiNenna, the then Zoning Commissioner, around 1977 to discuss the matter. Both agreed that Mr. DiNenna gave his approval of the arrangement.

Dr. Toole testified that the lot is primarily used on Sundays but that approximately 30 groups use the Church buildings and park on the lot during an average week. The parking area is located adjacent to Central Avenue for the entire distance between Chesapeake Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue and consists of approximately 62 spaces. On the opposite side of the Church property on High And Avenue, there are also approximately eight to ten spaces. The 32 spaces reserved for 305 West Chesapeake Avenue are located on the corner of Central Avenue and Chesapeake Avenue. Dr. Toole further testified that the lot is selden full during the week, except when unauthorized individuals such as stu-

increased, and Dr. Toole stated that certainly their need dictates the arrangement but that the income received is an important consideration. The Church has entered into no other arrangement than this one. The parishioners have been advised that the 32 spaces are reserved during the week but that they are availa-

Testimony was clear that these cars would congest the roads and immediate neighborhood with increased parking on adjacent streets if the parking were not

Mr. Frye testified that he was opposed to the granting of the use permit because he believes that traffic congestion created by vehicles ingressing and egressing the property could be avoided if they were parked at the Revenue Authority Parking Garage on Susquehanna Avenue. Additionally, he admitted that he was opposed because the same community associations who are not opposed to the commercialization of this parking lot were opposed to his request for zoning approval for an office building at 307 West Chesapeake Avenue. He stated that this was inconsistent with that refusal and felt no less of a standard should be applied just because it is a church.

Both Mrs. Ginn and Mrs. Turner submitted letters, Protestants Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, which supported the requested use. However, Mrs. Ginn, on her own behalf and on behalf of the West Towson Neighborhood Association, Inc., stated that their support was contingent on the understanding that the use of the parking ot would not be construed as a change in the neighborhood which could subject he area to commercial parking lots. Mrs. Turner agreed. Protestants' Exhib 1, a letter from William R. Richardson, Jr., President of the West Towson Neishborhood Association, Inc., pointed out that the Church is a special neigh-

stated that, in his opinion, the use does not create additional traffic within the neighborhood because it has existed since 1977 and that it reduces the number of vehicles parked on the surrounding streets inconveniencing the local res-1dents.

The Petitioner seeks relief from Section 409.4, pursuant to Section 502.1, and from Section 1801.1.8.1.a.2.(c), Baltimore County Zoning Regulations (BCZR).

It is clear that the use of the terms "use permit" and "special exception" are intended to be interchangeable and that the import of either is the same. See Hofmeister v. Frank Realty Co., 373 A.2d 273 (1977). The request for a use permit under Section 409.4 is in reality a request for a special exception, and therefore, in order for a use permit to be approved, the property owner must satisfy the burden of proof required by Section 502.1.

The BC2R permit off-street parking in a residential zone for a business use only by special permission as approved by the Zoning Commissioner. The Baltimore County Council has recognized this need by so legislating and has placed certain conditions for such approval as delineated therein. However, it is left to the Zoning Commissioner to determine the propriety of the request, and to avoid an arbitrary and capricious standard, the Zoning Commissioner has determined that the conditions as precedent in Section 502.1 must be satisfied.

After reviewing all of the testimony and evidence presented, it is obvious that the off-street parking request in this particular case would not be detrimenta to the primary uses in the vicinity.

the Petitioner had the burjen of adducing testimony and evidence which would show that the proposed use met the prescribed standards and requirements set the in Section 502.1. In fact, the Petitioner has shown that the proposed

that the proposed use at the particular location described by Petitioner's Exhibit 1 would have any adverse impact above and beyond that inherently associated with such a special exception use irrespective of its location within the zone. Schultz v. Pritts, 432 A.2d 1319 (1981).

The use has been continuous for approximately 17 years, and there has been no complaint from the residents of the neighborhood indicating that the parking on the Church lot has caused traffic congestion over and above what would otherwise exist. To the contrary, testimony of the residents supports a conclusion that if the parking were not allowed, the traffic problem would be worse. This particular case is unusual in that there is a lengthly history of the use upon which those conditions as precedent in Section 502.1 can be judged. The testimony and evidence presented support the conclusion that the Petitioner has met the burden of proof under Section 502.1.

The proposed use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the locality, nor tend to create congestion in roads, streets, or alleys therein, nor be inconsistent with the purposes of the property's zoning classification, nor in any other way inconsistent with the spirit and intent of

Bill No. 124-81 amended the RTA legislation by adding Section 1B01.1.B.1.a.2.(c) to the BCZR. Inasmuch as the parking use has been continuous singe 1968, the use is nonconforming as to the RTA requirements. Indeed, there was no RTA legislation when parking began on the lot. Therefore, the parking lot so not subject to the RTA requirements. The intent of the RTA legislation was to protect existing uses permitted as a matter of right or by special excepn residential zones from proposed changes to the neighborhood, a protecing uses. This is not the case here

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RESCHEDULED GERHOLD, CROSS & ETZEL PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of property, and public hearing Registered Professional Land Surveyors PETITION FOR SPECIAL HEARING 412 DELAWARE AVENUE 9th Election District held, and it appearing that by reason of the requirements of Section 502.1 TOWSON, MARYLAND 21204 SORDON T. LANGDON 9th Election District having been met and the health, safety, and general welfare of the community not 823-4470 LOCATION: Northwest corner of Chesapeake Avenue and Central Avenue and the Southwest corner of Pennsylvania Northwest corner of Chesapeake and Central Avenues and the Southwest corner of Pennsylvania and Central being adversely affected, the special hearing should be granted. Avenue and Central Avenue Zoning Description Therefore, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, DATE AND TIME: Monday, December 31, 1984 at 11:15 a.m. DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, January 16, 1985 at 11:00 a.m. this 28 day of January, 1985, that a use permit for off-street parking Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake PUBLIC HEARING: PUBLIC HEARING: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland Avenue, Towson, Maryland in a residential zone be approved and, as such, the Petition for Special Hearing The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing: The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public hearing: is hereby GRANTED, from and after the date of this Order, subject, however, to the following restrictions: Petition for Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether Petition for Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning 1. A maximum of 32 parking spaces shall be made available or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve a use permit for business parking in a Residence zone under Section 409.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. to 305 West Chesapeake Avenue, Monday through Friday. Commissioner should approve a use permit for business 2. No other financial arrangement shall be entered into parking in a residence zone under Section 409.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations. with any other commercial, business, or industrial use for parking. 3. The existing signs discouraging illegal parking shall be maintained. 4. This decision shall not be considered as a precedent Being the property of Towson Presbyterian Church the plat filed with the Zoning Office. Being the pusperty of Towson Presbyterian Church the plat filed with the Zoning Office. for the establishment of business or industrial parking in the residential area of West Towson nor shall it be In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the issuance of said permit during this period for considered as a change in the character of that neigh-In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal period. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entergood cause shown. Such request must be received in writing by the date of the good cause shown. Such request must be received in writing by the date of the hearing set above or made at the hearing. BY ORDER OF ARNOLD JABLON BY ORDER OF ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER ZONING COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE COUNTY OF BALTIMORE COUNTY cc: John B. Howard, Esquire Harry Shapiro, Esquire Mrs. Katherine Turner Mrs. Mary Ginn People's Counsel - 6 -November 29, 1984 December 13, 1984 BALTIMORE COUNTY
OFFICE OF PLANNING & ZONING
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494-3353 John B. Howard, Esquire 210 Allegheny Avenue P. O. Box 5517 John B. Howard, Esquire 210 Allegheny Avenue P.O. Box 5517 Towson, Maryland 21204 Towson, Maryland 21204 ARNOLD JABLON ZONING COMMISSIONER NOTICE OF HEARING

RE: Petition for Special Hearing

NW/cor. Chesapeake Ave. & Central

Avenue and the SW/cor. Pennsylvania NOTICE OF HEARING January 4, 1985 RE: Petition for Special Hearing-Rescheduled NW/cor. Chesapeake & Central Aves. and SW/cor. Pennsylvania & Central Aves. Ave. and Central Ave. John B. Howard, Esquire 210 Allegheny Avenue P. O. Box 5517 Towson Presbyterian Church - Petitioner Towson Presbyterian Church - Petitioner Case No. 85-176-SPH Case No. 65-176-SPH Towson, Maryland 21204 TIME: 11:15 a.m. RE: Petition for Special Hearing-Rescheduled NW/cor. Chesapeake & Central Aves. and SW/cor. Pennsylvania & Central Aves. TIME: 11:00 a.m. DATE: Monday, December 31, 1984 DATE: Wednesday, January 16, 1985 Towson Presbyterian Church - Petitioner Case No. 85-176-SPH LOCATION: Northwest corner of Chempake and Central Avenues and the Southwest corner of Pennsylvania and Central Avenues DATE AND TIME: Wednes-day, January 16, 1995 at 11:00 PLACE: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake PLACE: Room 106, County Office Building, 111 West Chesapeake Dear Mr. Howard: Avenue, Towson, Maryland Avenue, Towson, Maryland This is to advise you that \$61.68 is due for advertising and posting a.m.
PUBLIC HEARING: Room 10s.,
County Office Bull ling. '11
W. Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland of the above property. The Zoning Commissioner of Saltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Bultimore County, will hold a public hearing:

Petition for Special Hearing under Section 500.7 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations, to determine whether or not the Zoning Commissioner and/or Deputy Zoning Commissioner should approve a mappernit for business parking in a residence zone under Section 409.4 of the Baltimore County Zoning Regulations.

Buing the property of Townson Presbyterian Church as shown on the part filed with the Zoning Office.

In the event that this Petition is granted, a building permit may be issued within the thirty (30) day appeal peied. The Zoning Commissioner will, however, entertain any request for a stay of the tesu ance of said permit during the period for good cause shown Such request must be received in writing by the date of the hearing set above or made a the hearing set above or made a This fee must be paid and our zoning sign and post returned on the day of the hearing before an Order is issued. Do not remove sign until day of hearing. Please make the check payable to Baltimore County, Maryland, and BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND No. 134327 remit to Mrs. Arlene January, Zoning Office, Room 113, County Office Building, Towson, Maryland 21204, before the hearing. OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT No. 003185 BALTIMORE COUNTY. MARYLAND imissioner OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION of Baltimore County e County MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT LDJABLON Commissioner Cost of Advertising g (34****100001# 2032 VALIDATION OR SIGNATURE OF CASHIER

September 20,1984

All that piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Ninth Election District of Baltimore County, State of Maryland and described as follows to wit:

Beginning for the same at the corner formed by the intersection of the North side of Chesapeake Avenue with the West side of Central Avenue and running thence and binding on the West side of Central Avenue North 12 degrees 46 minutes East 360 feet to the South side of Pennsylvania Avenue thence tinding on the South side of Pennsylvania Avenue North 77 degrees 14 minutes West 50 feet thence leaving said avenue and binding on the outlines of the land of the Towson Presbyterian Church the four following courses and distances viz: South 12 degrees 46 minutes West 130 feet, North 77 degrees 14 minutes West 60 feet, South 12 degrees 46 minutes West 50 feet and North 77 degrees 14 minutes West 190.68 feet to the East side of Highland Avenue thence binding on the East side of Highland Avenue South 12 degrees 46 minutes West 180 feet to the North side of Chesapeake Avenue and thence binding on the North side side of Chesapeake Avenue and thence binding on the North side of Chesapeake Avenue South 77 degrees 14 minutes East 300.68 feet to the place of beginning.

Containing 1.52 Acres of land, more or less.



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